

# CAREERS IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

## Builder's Labourer

Builder's labourers assist tradespeople on building and construction sites by doing a range of unskilled and semi-skilled manual labouring jobs. They may perform tasks including:

- ◆ unloading, carrying and stacking building materials and placing tools and equipment in position;
- ◆ digging trenches for footings and services using hand tools and jackhammers if necessary;
- ◆ helping to erect and dismantle scaffolding (subject to certification), ramps, catwalks, barricades and warning lights;
- ◆ mixing, pouring and spreading concrete; and cleaning surfaces for painters.

Builder's labourers may specialise by working with particular tradespeople as a trades assistant, such as bricklayer's labourer or carpenter's assistant. They may also become specialist construction workers such as steelfixers, doggers, riggers, scaffolders or concrete workers.

On completion of a job, builder's labourers have to apply to new sites for their next job. If they work for a building or bricklaying subcontractor, new work sites may be organised for them. Builder's labourers work with other tradespeople on building and construction sites. They mostly work outdoors.

### Personal Requirements

- ◆ physically fit
- ◆ able to work as part of a team
- ◆ able to work at a constant pace
- ◆ like outdoor work
- ◆ able to follow precise directions

### Education and Training

There are no specific educational requirements for entry to this job. Training is given on the job. Your chances of finding a job may be improved if you have formal qualifications.

